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Dental research will be intensified at the University of Toronto because of a three-year financial grant donated this week by Lever Brothers Limited. Acceptance of the grant was confirmed by Dr. Roy G. Ellis, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, left above, and Lever President John C. Lockwood.

Maccagno Seeks Solicitor To Probe Public Accounts

Liberal Michael Maccagno asked the government last week to hire a solicitor for him to investigate the public accounts. He made the request before the Legislature's public accounts committee.

He said the opposition, especially because it is so small, cannot do justice to the examination of the public accounts because the members do not have qualified researchers.

After the two-hour public accounts meeting, where the committee examined the government spending during the 1960-61 fiscal year, Mr. Maccagno said:

"I sincerely tell you I don't think I've added anything to this discussion for the simple reason the accounts are far too complicated for me."

C. K. Huckvale, provincial auditor, who attends public accounts meetings to answer questions, said he would be glad to give Mr. Maccagno any help he wanted.

The Liberal member said it would not be the same as having private assistance in studying the accounts.

E. W. Hinman, provincial treasurer, agreed to look into the matter and report back.

Crew Of Three Accomplishes Rescue Mission

Recently a crew of three men, Oliver Piven of Hylo, Don Maddock, Calgary Aircraft Engines, and Art Lawsan, Calgary Finnie Construction, left Piven's camp at Goodwin Lake, 84 miles north of Lac la Biche, Feb. 20 to rescue a plane which was forced to land in heavy timber 45 miles from the camp. At the time the plane was forced down a crew of 10 men was fortunate to escape without injury.

Mr. Piven, with a D-6 Caterpillar, ploughed through heavy snow making the road passable for Mr. Maddock and Mr. Lawson to follow up with the truck. The three men worked through bitter weather, and also had the experience of sleeping around an open campfire at a temperature of 52° below.

The six-day trip was quite an adventure, a story to be able to tell the grandchildren who, without doubt, will enjoy it as "another good old fish story that grandpappies usually tell."

At one o'clock Tuesday morning, Feb. 27, the Scouts arrived at Piven's camp, hungry, cold and tired. Flapjacks and good hot coffee, Italian style, were a delicacy in comparison to the frozen food they experienced on their trip.

By midday Tuesday the men stirred around camp. Realization hit them like a flash; they had made it. The mission had been accomplished, the bright red plane neatly mounted on a Piven invention, best known to bush men as a "sloop". The plane was transferred on to a High Boy and continued on its way to Calgary Aircraft Engines for repair.

"When once again airborne, I hope that the Boy Scouts have the privilege of the first ride," said Mr. Piven.

Herbie Switzer Named President

LAC LA BICHE — An Association of Young People was recently organized under the direction of St. Andrew's Anglican Church. At a meeting in the church basement, a group of 19 young people elected their executive officers. Named president was Herbie Switzer; vice-president, Andy Thompson; secretary-treasurer, Sharun Reid.

Committees: entertainment, Arlene Warawa, Beverly Chester; refreshments, Faye Whitford, Sharun Reid; telephone, Yvonne Cherniwchan.

The purpose of the Association is to promote the religious, social and intellectual welfare of the members through a sound program of work, worship, fellowship and edification.

Adult leaders were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stratichuk, Mrs. Walter Reid, Miss Doris Bergheim and the Rev. W. A. Swinton.

Miss Jacqueline Janet Faichney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. W. Faichney, Hudson Bay Co., Fort McKay. Miss Faichney, a graduate from Alberta College, Edmonton, entered Misericordia Hospital School of Nursing in September 1961, and was honored at a recent Candle Lighting and official Capping Ceremony.

St. Paul Festival Attended By Forty

PLAMONDON — On Sunday, March 11, Harold Belanger drove his school bus to St. Paul with forty residents of Plamondon to attend the French song festival. Grades 7 and 8 and grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 were invited to repeat the songs they had sung at the Plamondon festival.

Mrs. M. Bouvier Guest Of Honor

LAC LA BICHE — Mrs. Marion Bouvier was guest of honor at a surprise party held at the home of Mrs. L. J. Badry March 3.

Forty-five ladies gathered to honor Mrs. Bouvier on her retirement from the presidency of the Ladies of St. Catherine after many years of service in the organization. The Astro-Naughties from Venice provided entertainment for the evening.

Mrs. Bouvier was presented with a beautiful electric coffee pot in appreciation for her outstanding contribution to the Church.

Local Men Rescue Travellers Stranded In Sub-Zero Weather

LAC LA BICHE — Two local men were instrumental in rescuing four travellers stranded for several days on the winter road to McMurray in the recent sub-zero weather.

Complete details were not available but, according to reports received here, Harold Mawson and Alcide Richard went to the rescue of two men coming in from McMurray and discovered another pair stranded as well.

A trucker and his assistant, who were bringing a piece of heavy equipment from Waterways to Lac la Biche, were several days overdue. Repeated phone calls to McMurray finally brought the realization that the men must have run into difficulty on the 200 mile stretch of winter road. Since there are no garages nor even any settlers living along the trail, which one travels at his own risk, Mr. Mawson feared the trucker was in difficulty. Saturday night, Feb. 24, he called the trucker's partner in McMurray who reported that no word had been received from him and that he was probably nearer the Lac la Biche end of the trail than to McMurray.

Sunday, Mr. Mawson and Alcide Richard decided to find the truck. After much preparation the men set out in a jeep, well equipped to brave the 30-below temperatures. Motor trouble forced them to return when only a few miles out of Lac la Biche, but they soon set off again.

About 70 miles out on the trail they came upon the stranded trucker, his helper and two men with a broken-down car. The latter pair had gone to Edmonton, purchased a car, and were on their way back to Waterways. They had been on the road five days and were scantily dressed for the severe weather conditions.

The four men had been able to keep from freezing by building a camp fire, but all were without food. The truckers had had nothing to eat for 36 hours. After enjoying a hot meal, the six men piled into the jeep and headed for McMurray, which they reached without too much difficulty.

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In Technicolor, Starring George Montgomery, Lola Albright. Here's an action packed feature that will please the whole family. Showing at 8:30 Friday; at 2:30, 7:00 and 9:15 Saturday.

Clippers Lose To Ponoka Elks

The Lac la Biche Clippers lost to the Ponoka Elks 12-5, in a two-game total point series to decide the northern Alberta championship in juvenile B hockey.

Both games were played at Ponoka. The local boys played outstanding hockey but were unable to stand up to the Ponoka team, due largely to the fact that the other team had three lines while the Lac la Biche boys had only the one. The Clippers are to be congratulated for their splendid showing this season; the boys, coached by Howard Lett, played fine hockey.

Making the trip to Ponoka with the boys were J. A. Stewart, Harry Lobay, G. W. Franchuk and Richard Doucet.

Rich Lake

Mrs. Eino Tikkanen is visiting relatives in Edmonton.

Annie Waine and Louise Suhan placed first at the Amateur Show held at Ashmont on Friday, March 2.

MACKRISS WINS TROPHY IN FIREMEN'S BONSPIEL

LAC LA BICHE — Ted Mackriss skipped the winning team in the firemen's bonspiel held March 11. Others on the team were Ben Rizzoli, Alcide Richard and John Ewanchuk. They won the beautiful trophy, awarded for the first time this season, with a total of 24 points.

Second place, with 23 points, was: J. Konowalchuk, skip; Roy Whitford, Earl Christensen, Hervey Marchildon. Third place, with 20 points, was: J. Zaluzney, skip; J. Hamar, W. Tardif and Otto Aabak.

Six rinks competed in the total point series. Each rink curled three eight-end games.

Bayview

The sympathy of this district is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Piquette and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Piquette and their families as their brother John of Morinville passed away recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dowhanuik and family have moved to Lac la Biche. Mr. Dowhanuik will be working on William Hamilton's mink ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Varin attended the Social Credit meeting.

NOTICE TO READERS

"Due to greatly increased costs of wages and production we are forced to announce a modest increase in subscription rate of the Lac la Biche Herald. Effective April 1st, 1962, the new rate will be $3.00 per year ($4.00 for city subscribers).

STARTING THIS ISSUE **THREE-PART SERIES**

New Alberta Liberal Leader

The words modest, fluent, and determined succinctly describe Dave Hunter, new leader of the Alberta Liberal party. What is this man like? Editor Ken Larson dropped in on the Hunters in their Athabasca home to get the story for our readers. The first article tells about Dave Hunter —The Family Man; the second, about The Businessman and Administrator; the third, about The Politician. The first article in the series will be found in this week's issue of Alberta Country Life.

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Edmonton Resident Visits Onoway

W. Meyer of Edmonton was a recent guest of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meyer.

While here Mr. Meyer renewed acquaintances in the district.

Church Notices

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Lac la Biche Pastoral Charge
Minister: Rev. S. L. Munro,
Lac la Biche.
Sunday, March 18.

LAC LA BICHE
Family Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

RICH LAE-BRIEREVILLE
Family Worship 12:15 p.m.
Sunday School 12:15 p.m.

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(Service at Noral)

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Sunday, March 18

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Family Worship and Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

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MISS JOYCE GENOUD CROWNED PLAMONDON CARNIVAL QUEEN

In the ice carnival held at Plamondon recently, Miss Joyce Genoud was crowned queen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. Croteau. Runner-up was Miss Gloria Stratton who acted the part of the princess. Gifts were presented to both girls.

Miss Joyce Genoud was escorted by Clement German and Miss Gloria Stratton by Dicky Dragon.

The raffle was won by Miss Dianne Plamondon who received a transistor radio.

First prize in the costume parade went to Anita Gauthier and Valerie Cote. Second prize was won by Emilie Bosse and Carol Belanger, and third prize by Reta Parent.

The carnival was organized by the students' union. Parade of skaters in masquerade costumes was quite attractive, and one of the highlights of the evening was the torch light parade.

A hockey game was played between the Blue Angels of Plamondon and Hylo, the score 4 to 4.

Lac la Biche

L. J. Bartman is in Edmonton attending the six-weeks civil defence course offered by the Emergency Measures Organization.

Ted Mackriss, accompanied by Alcide Baglot, Miles Graham and Gordon McCormick, drove to Ponoka to take in the hockey game when the Clippers of Lac la Biche played against the Ponoka Elks.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Grenier attended the wedding of Mr. Grenier's sister, Pauline, to Mr. Frank Poplin at St. Jacob's Church, Edmonton.

At the recent bingo put on by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Legion, Mrs. Ernie Coutney won the $100 cash prize. The ladies wish to thank Mr. Maccagno for the use of the theatre and L. J. Badry and B. Romaniuk for their assistance at the bingo.

Work commenced March 7 at the site of the Lac la Biche High School. H. V. Clendenning of McRae and Associates Construction is on the job and several men are already at work on the first stages of construction.

The sympathy of the district is extended to the Jake Hayduk family in the death of Mr. Hayduk's father, Mr. Andrew Hayduk of Innisfree. Mr. Hayduk passed away March 4 at the age of 83 years. The funeral was held from the Ukrainian Catholic Church at Innisfree with Rev. R. Starodub in charge. Interment was in the church cemetery. Left to mourn are his wife, one son Jacob of Lac la Biche and three daughters, Mrs. Mary Kitt, Innisfree, Mrs. Rose Lamb, Cashmere, Wash., and Mrs. Ann Chanasyk of Innisfree, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Const. and Mrs. Walter Farus, Const. Ben Rizzoli and son Richard motored to Ponoka on Sunday to cheer for the Lac la Biche Clippers in the recent games with the Ponoka Elks.

Denise Richard returned to Edmonton on Sunday after spending three weeks holiday at her home here.

Dorothy Rhodes, RN with the Athabasca health unit, attended a nurses' work shop in Edmonton, March 7, 8 and 9.

Greasemonkey: "Doctor, I'm worried. Last night I dreamed I was alone with a thousand beautiful blondes, and a thousand beautiful brunettes, and a thousand redheads It was terrible, Doc."

Medico: "Well, what's so horrible about a lovely dream like that?"

Greasemonkey: "I dreamed I was a girl, too!"

McRae

Charles Squirrel was home for a few days recently.

Joe Bell visited his mother over the weekend.

Mrs. Edith Erasmus is in Edmonton receiving medical treatment.

Nick Katerenchuck had the misfortune to overturn his truck in the Boyne Lake district recently. With the aid of George Abramic, the truck was pulled out of the ditch the following morning. No injuries were sustained by Mr. Katerenchuck or Kenneth McRae who accompanied him.

Edmontonians Top Guzzlers In Province

Residents of the greater Edmonton area spent more money on liquor last year than in any other area of the province according to a report tabled by Premier Manning in the Legislature.

The report showed that in 1961 total money received by the Alberta Liquor Control Board from Edmonton, Jasper Place and Beverly amounted to $27,782,172.

For the area of Calgary, Montgomery, Bowness and Forest Lawn the figure stood at $21,750,627. For the remainder of the province the amount totalled $25,767,524.

Notice to Creditors and Claimants

In the Estate of FREDERICK GEORGE JEANES, late of Plamondon, Alberta, who died on the 13th day of August, A.D. 1961.

TAKE NOTICE that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named must file with the undersigned by the 30th day of April, A.D. 1962, a full statement of their claims and of securities held by them.

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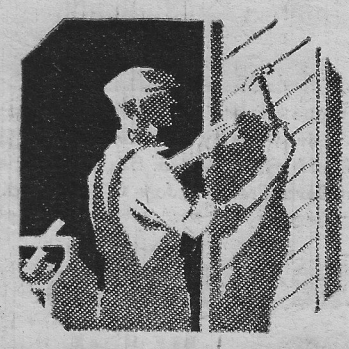

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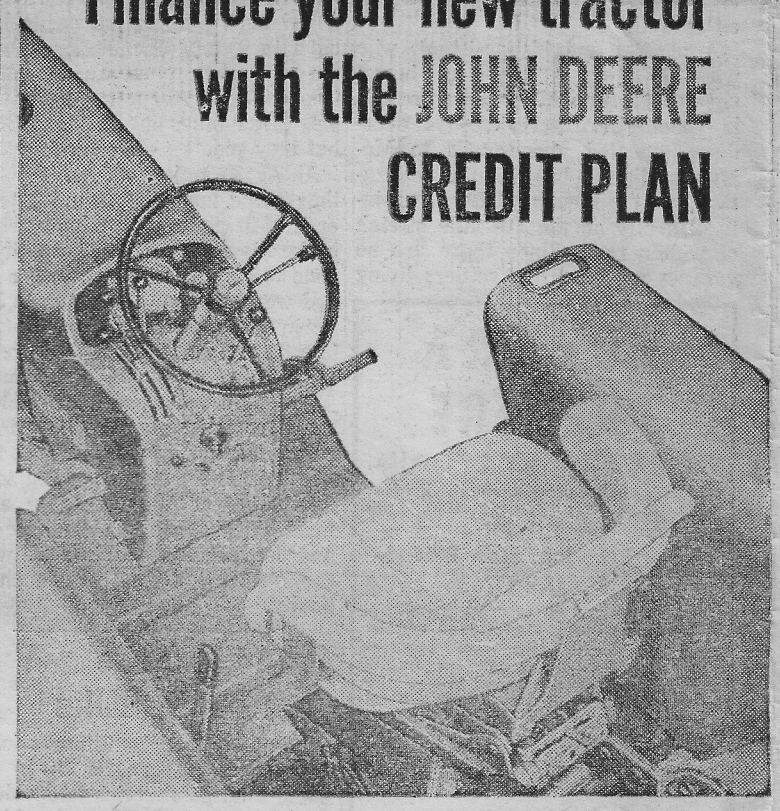

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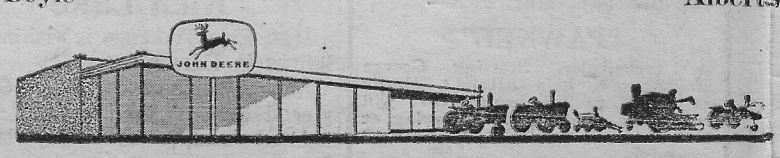

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District Home Economist, Westlock
By Bertha M. McCutcheon

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Because eggs furnish biologically complete protein, their use as the main dish of a meal is advantageous. Two eggs, weighing about two ounces each, provide over 18 per cent of the recommended daily allowance of protein of the adult, in addition to important quantities of other dietary essentials as shown in the accompanying table of food values.

Eggs are of such high nutritive value that they should be included in our normal everyday diet. They are usually included in reducing and in other special therapeutic diets. Easily digested, eggs are an important food for all ages.

Food Nutrients	2 Eggs contain
Protein	12.2 grams
Calories	154
Calcium	52 milligrams
Phosphorus	202 milligrams
Iron	2.6 miligrams
Vitamin A	1100 U.S.P. Units
Thiamine(B1)	0.08 Milligrams
Riboflavin (B2)	0.20 miligrams
Vitamin D	100 U.S.P. units

SHAMROCK ROLLS

Here is a roll recipe which uses mashed potatoes.

1 pkg. yeast dissolved in 1 cup warm water (98°F)
½ cup fat
½ cup sugar
1 cup hot mashed potatoes
1 cup potato water
2 tsp. salt
1 egg beaten
6-6½ cups floor

Mix fat, sugar, potatoes and potato water. Cool until lukewarm 98°F. Add dissolved yeast. Cover. Let stand in warm place until light, about 2 hours. Add salt, egg and flour to make stiff dough. Cover. Store in refrigerator. Let stand 24 hours before using. When ready to use, shape as desired. Let rise until more than double in volume. Bake at 425°F. 15 to 20 minutes for clover leaf, parker house or ordinary rolls. For filled loaf, bake at 375°F 30 to 35 minutes.

Norman Willmore Criticizes Contribution Of Opposition

During the debate on the budget in the legislature last week, the observation was made by Norman Willmore, minister of lands and forests, that he "cannot remember an opposition that contributed as little to a legislative session as the present one."

Mr. Willmore said the situation has made it a little difficult to debate "because they have not yet come up with an argument."

It is partly the fault of the press, he said, for building up the opposition as "sprightly and brilliant oracles."

Speaking of opposition member Mike Maccagno (L—Lac la Biche) Mr. Willmore implored the press gallery, "please don't build up Mike as an oracle and cast him in a role not suited to him."

"Give us back our Mike. He's much more effective when he's representing his constituency," instead of being the spokesman for the entire Liberal party in Canada.

He added, "I don't know any better way of keeping this government in power than by letting the opposition talk."

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Five Day Course In Education Held

PLAMONDON—A five-day course, commencing March 5 in the basement of the rectory proved of great benefit to the many who attended. During this time farms in the district were visited.

Instructors giving the course were Rev. Fr. Bissonnette from Venice, Louis Boucher, F. Strashok, C. Cheshire, M. Cherrette and L. Garneau, FUA director.

This was felt to be a week well spent and it is hoped similar courses will be given.

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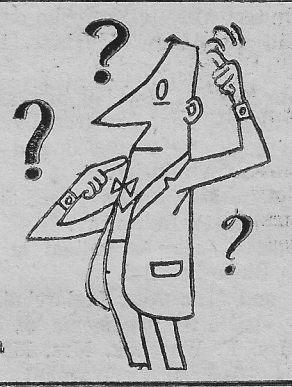

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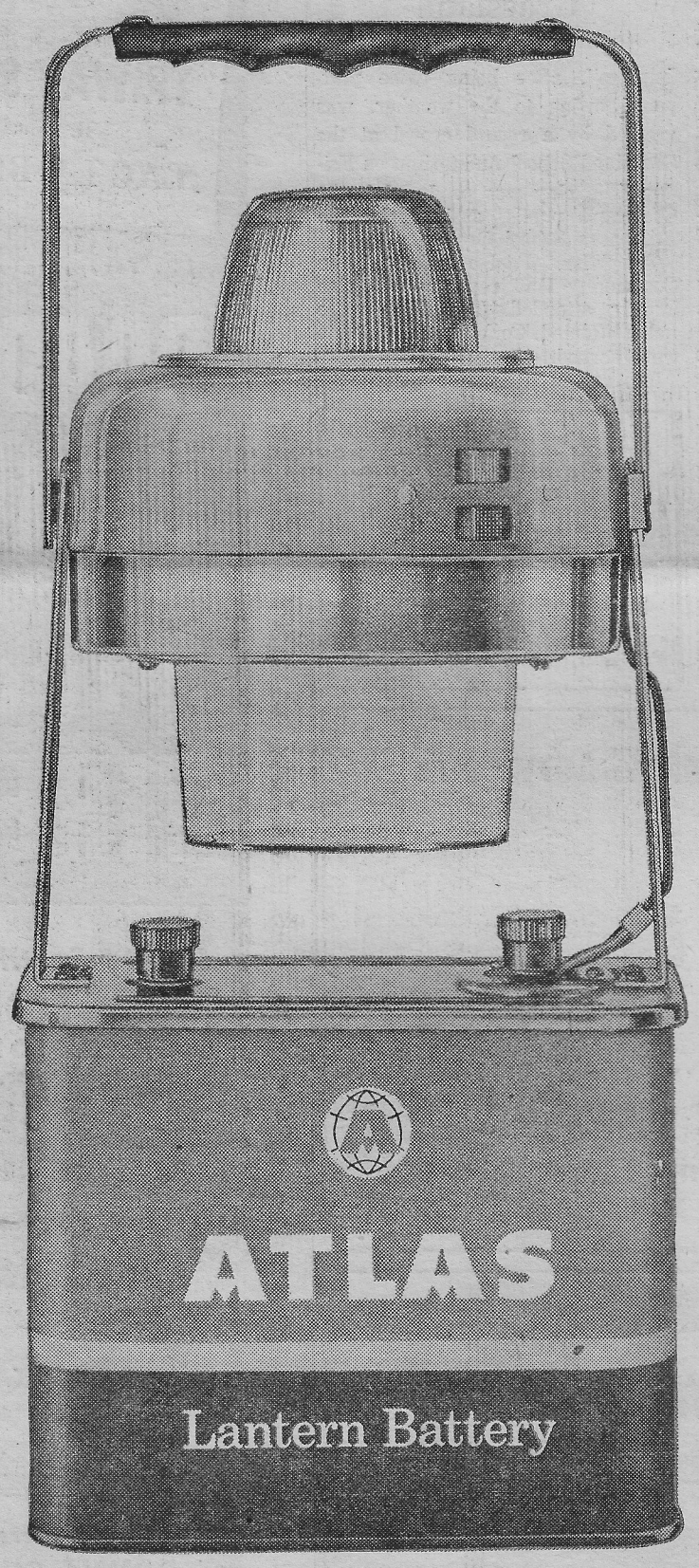

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Lorraine Bencharsky Wins Boyle Search For Talent

First three awards at the ACT-CFRN Search for Talent show held at Boyle Saturday went to Boyle contestants as 23 competitors performed before an overflow audience at the community hall.

The show was held at Boyle under the auspices of the Boyle and District Community Club with Wally Gordichuk acting as co-ordinator between the local sponsors and the Associated Canadian Travellers.

First place went to Lorraine Bencharsky with a vocal solo. Another Boyle vocalist, Devonia Schumaker, won second prize and an instrumental trio led by Stanley Tremblay won third place. All three received cash awards donated by Northwestern Utilities Ltd.

The officials of the travellers' association, in expressing their appreciation for the wonderful co-operation shown by the community, stated that this was the second largest audience that they had performed before.

One of the highlights of the evening's entertainment was the performance of Scottish entertainer Johnny Forrester. His lively humorous Scottish numbers, accordion and vocal, provided that added spark and life that made the show such a success. On several occasions he almost lifted the roof from the hall by his performance. He was ably assisted by other professionals.

The large audience fully appreciated the wonderful performance of five-year-old Gloria Kolomatyski, a little girl from the district, who is small in size but large in talent. Her singing was sheer joy to listen to. This young lady will appear on CFRN-TV in the near future. The 23 local performers from Athabasca, Caslan, Grassland, Sarrail and Boyle deserve a warm congratulation for their wonderful efforts in making the evening such a success.

E. E. Whiteley of Edmonton was the adjudicator and Jack Havrelock was ACT team captain. Mayor Joe Radomovich extended greetings on behalf of the village of Boyle and Mr. and Mrs. Wally Gordichuk provided a lunch following the show. Mr. Gordichuk was also in charge of the advance ticket sale and the registration of contestants.

Nels Clintberg of Boyle was awarded the watch and George Radomovich won a Christensen shirt as a program prize.

The Boyle and District Community Club joined hands with the Associated Canadian Travellers in this venture for a two-fold purpose. Local talent was provided an opportunity to compete for the Sunwapta scholarship and by so doing funds were raised for the ACT Northern Alberta Crippled Children's Fund, which is spent on needy crippled children in rural north-central Alberta.

Miss Bencharsky will represent Boyle and district at the Western Regional semi-finals scheduled for the Morinville Recreation Centre on Saturday, March 31.

Search for talent went to Radway on March 10, Glendon March 17 and concludes the weekly series at Whitecourt on March 24.

Noral

Mr. and Mrs. George Waselenchuk visited the Woychuk family recently.

Congratulations are extended to Johnny and Annette Skoreyko on the birth of their baby daughter, Feb. 21.

While Mrs. B. Woychuk was separating the milk one day recently, her cream separator exploded and she received arm injuries.

Joe Kuratis is hauling wood from the farm of P. Dubrowny.

Donald Kniazky is patient in the Lac la Biche hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Malarchuk of Bellis visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Woychuk. Mrs. Malarchuk is a sister of Mr. Woychuk.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lloyd of Lac la Biche visited Mrs. Lloyd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Woychuk.

High school students of Noral now going to the Lac la Biche high school visited the Edmonton Varsity weekend.

While Mr. and Mrs. R. Lloyd were in Edmonton where Mr. Lloyd attended the clerks' convention of the Forestry Department, Mrs. B. Woychuk is taking care of her grandchildren.

George A. Gordey is a patient in the Lac la Biche hospital.

Plamondon

Donald Bosse purchased a new Ford Falcon car recently.

Mrs. Dave Ayotte and baby girl have been patients in the St. Catherine's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bosse were taken to hospital March 5.

Miss Vena Gauthier, who has been taking a nurse's aid course in Calgary, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Gauthier.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Hebert made a business trip to Lac la Biche.

Dennis Hebert has been a patient in hospital.

Bernard Plamondon and his brother Laverne motored from Fort Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bourassa and Mrs. Paul Emile German, Mrs. Oscar Duperron, Mrs. Roy Plamondon and Mrs. Daniel Bourassa motored to the Zilinski sawmill close to Kinuso.

Paul Piquitte, Art Gerard, Dianne Plamondon and Lena Menard were curling in Lac la Biche on Saturday.

Mrs. Wilfred Plamondon is a patient in St. Catherine's Hospital.

Roger Gauthier was taken to hospital after hurting his shoulder on the ice.

Sympathy of the district is extended to Roland and Robert Piquitte in the death of their brother Jean who passed away in the General Hospital, Edmonton, on March 5.

Gourin

Lucien Ulliac was visiting in Edmonton recently.

Plamondon High School motored to Edmonton, they visited the University of Alberta for Varsity weekend.

The Plamondon Blue Angels played hockey at a tournament in Boyle. They won every game and won the first prize of $60.00.

Daniel Bourassa was home a few days from Kinuso where he is working at a lumber mill.

Fernand Ulliac has purchased a 1962 Chevrolet truck.

Emile Ulliac made a business trip in Edmonton recently.

George Bourassa his wife and daughter Emilia visited Kenneth Fischer in General Hospital, Edmonton.

Grassland

The Operetta "Creatures of Impulse", after being twice postponed owing to the weather, was greeted by a record crowd at the Grassland School Auditorium on Friday. The play was produced by 10 Grassland pupils, assisted by the Athabasca School Orchestra.

The Wheat Pool meeting at the Community Hall recently was also largely attended. The films were much affected. Coffee and doughnuts were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonide Plamondon of Fort Smith were visiting at Derko's home for a few days. They returned by plane on Saturday of last week.

The Sakulich family were here from Edmonton for the weekend, visiting at Leshchyshyn's home.

Mrs. Semeniuk is home from Lac la Biche with a baby boy.

Lawrence Semeniuk has returned home from hospital, after suffering from blood-poisoning in his hand.

Eddie Luchka is home, after working in Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Alma Kuralchuk is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Semeniuk.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Luchka left for Hinton on Saturday. They will both be working at the Hinton Hotel. Daughter Bonnie will be staying at her grandparents' Mr. and Mrs. Dutchak, until school is out.

Derek John, who taught school here for some time, was at the school auditorium on Friday, renewing old acquaintanceships.

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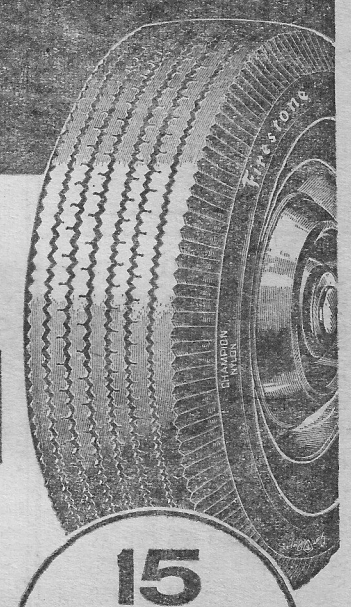

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McMurray Council To Apply For Change of Name for Town

The Council of the Town of McMurray decided to apply to the minister of municipal affairs to have the name of McMurray changed to the Town of Fort McMurray. The McMurray Chamber of Commerce requested this change in a letter read at a regular meeting of the Council of the Town of McMurray held in the council chambers at McMurray on Feb. 14 with the following councillors present: Mayor Peden, Councillors Algar, Hoehne, Gaudet, McKinnon and Wylie. Councillor Bussieres was absent. Only guest present was John Lupton.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read to the council by the secretary-treasurer and adopted.

The Local Board of Health consisting of Mrs. M. A. Jewett, Mrs. R. Strandberg and Mrs. M. McDougall were given the following terms respectively, one year, two years and three years.

Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to write to the Taylor Safe Co. to find out the cost of a vault door.

A letter was received from the Minister of Highways advising the council that he will not open a license-issuing office in McMurray. The secretary-treasurer was again instructed to write to the Minister of Highways requesting a license-issuing office to be opened in the town.

The secretary-treasurer was instructed to prepare a by-law for the purpose of authorizing the payment of a grant to a doctor to practise his profession in McMurray.

It was moved that the town purchase a duplicating machine for the Town Office.

Hospital News

LAC LA BICHE — Patients admitted to St. Catherine's hospital, week ending March 10: Katherine Deisel, McMurray; Victor Kozakewich, Craigend; Mrs. Bessie Dent, Amesbury; Amaline Desjarlais, Chard; Mrs. Peter Sampietro, Miss Mathilda Chabot, John C. Whitford, Lac la Biche; Mrs. David Ayotte and Baby Cecile, Plamondon; Earl Gordon, Buffalo Park; William Yakoweshen, Grandin; Mrs. Leo Schaub, Plamondon; Mrs. Joe Howse, Kikino; Mrs. Caroline Castor, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Louis Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bosse, Plamondon; Mrs. Arthur Boulanger, Gourin; Mrs. Alex Stratton, Plamondon; Clarence Richard, Conklin; Mrs. Tony Duperron, Breynat; Joseph Konawalchuk, Lac la Biche; Koral Sonatzky, Breynat; Irene McIvor, Amesbury; Denis Hebert, Plamondon; Howard Bish, Calgary; Rebecca Joe, Caslan; Philip Cyre, Plamondon; Donna Howse, Caslan; Mrs. Peter Bezpalko, Venice; Sandy Karpetz, Atmore; Joseph Petrowsky, Grassland; Alfred Toutant, Egg Lake; Anita Gauthier, Plamondon; Mrs. George Chamzuk, Donatville; Mrs. Arsene Duperron, Plamondon; Fred Podialuk, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Wilfrid Plamondon, Plamondon.

CRADLE ROLL

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thompson, Kikino, a boy, March 3; Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald, Hylo, a boy, March 8; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patenaude, Caslan, a girl, March 9.

Hylo

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Overbou of Edmonton were weekend guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stratichuk.

Mrs. G. McEachern and daughters Fay and Dale returned to Edson with Lee and Victor where the girls will attend school.

William Owchar motored to Edmonton last week to see his wife in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Revega and son Daniel visited last Sunday the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Poholski.

Mrs. John Rosychuk and daughter Dianne returned from a trip to Edmonton.

Helina

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Suhan of Golden, B. C. were here for a few days to attend the funeral of Mrs. Suhan's father, Mike Slowski, in Sugden. Others present at the service were Mr. and Mrs. John Suhan, Mr. and Mrs. George Suhan and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller.

Mrs. Martha Sward, John Ritula and Andrew Onciul attended the FUA convention in Glendon where Ed Nelson, FUA president was guest speaker.

Louise Suhan and Anne Waine took first prize in the Amateur Show in Ashmont on March 2.

Einar Huser is a pneumonia patient in the Glendon hospital.

Arnold and Dave Onciul & Thomas Miller motored to Kinuso to bring home George Onciul who was employed there.

Dave Onciul is employed in St. Paul.

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Egg Lake

Laurier Amiot, grade 12 student at Plamondon school, made the trip to Edmonton with eight other students, to attend Varsity day.

Jerome Lebeuf has left to work in a lumber camp for the rest of the winter.

On the sick list last week was Mrs. Albert Girard who spent a few days in hospital and is now back home.

Geraldine Luc has also spent a few days in hospital. Joanne Lemay, young daughter of Robert Lemay has spent a week in hospital. She is now back home, but must spend some more time in bed.

The district has learned of the death of John Piquette of Vimy. John was well known here, having lived around here for several years. Sympathy of the community goes to the family in their bereavement.

Vienna Stefanyk Visits Hawaii

LAC LA BICHE — Miss Vienna Stefanyk was home for the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stefanyk, after spending a three-week holiday in Hawaii.

Vienna and a girl companion travelled by steamship to Hawaii, the trip taking them nine days. The return trip was by jet plne and took about 10 hours.

On the trip out stops were made at San Francisco and Long Beach, Calif. Stops were made at Portland and Seattle on the return trip.

United Church Women Meet

RICH LAKE — Twelve members were in attendance at the regular meeting of the United Church Women held at the home of Mrs. Mallock on March 3.

Sale goods were checked and given out to members to be sewed. A work meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Fiina Kumpula, bazaar chairman, on March 29.

Ethel Farvolden will be hostess for the April 7 meeting to be held in the evening.

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St. Ann Ladies Hold Meeting

PLAMONDON — On March 9 the annual meeting of the ladies of St. Ann was held in the basement of the rectory. It was well attended and several subjects were explained by Rev. Fr. Croteau.

Ladies of St. Ann have collected the sum of $324.95 to buy furniture for the rectory and more is expected to come in.

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Free Church Holds Annual Conference

LAC LA BICHE — In spite of extremely cold weather. the third annual misionary conference of the Evangelical Free Church held Feb. 25 to March 4 was highly successful.

The first three evenings, when temperatures registered well into the 30-below readings, attendance was poor, but by Wednesday evening, attendance rose and from then on the chapel was filled to capacity each evening. Sunday the crowds moved over to the Memorial Hall for afternoon and evening services and a fellowship supper.

Rev. Andy Daneliuk of the Slavic Gospel Association, missionary in Germany for the past eight years, was speaker during the week.

Rev. Ken Buchanan of the extension department of the Prairie Bible Institute, accompanied by a male quartette, assisted with the weekend meetings.

Mr. Daneliuk showed slides each evening of his work in Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia. Mrs. Daneliuk, the former Florence Sherstan of Two Hills, a gifted children's worker, gave a story each evening for the boys and girls and also assisted at a children's rally on Saturday afternoon.

Carolyn Bobocel won the prize for bringing the largest number of new children to the meetings. She had 12 points and Florence Duchnych was second with nine points.

The Prairie Quartette, who sang many beautiful numbers at each service, included Art Dunlap, Yosho Shimono and Dan Canfield, all of Seattle, Wash., Dwight Steele of Billings, Mont., and pianist Ernie Jones from the Prairie staff.

Mr. Buchanan comes from Ontario and his timely messages were an inspiration and challenge to all.

Mr. Jake Plett is pastor of the local church and was in charge of arrangements.

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THREAT TO ANIMAL LIFE

Death Stalks Alberta Countryside

(Death is stalking the Alberta countryside in the form of pesticides, indiscriminately used, according to Sun Outdoors writer Slim Layley. His own views are expressed in this article prompted by the reading of an Alberta government publication on conservation.)

By Slim Layley
Sun Outdoors Editor

In the current issue of "Land-Forest-Wildlife", the official publication of the Alberta Department of Lands and Forests, is an extract from an article written by Dr. George Wallace, Professor of Zoology Michigan State University, in which Dr. Wallace states:

"The current widespread and ever expanding pesticide program poses the greatest threat to animal life in North America that this continent has ever faced—worse than deforestation . . . market hunting . . . illegal shooting . . . drainage . . . drought or oil pollution, and possibly worse than all these decimating factors combined . . . we shall have been witnesses, within a single decade, to a greater extermination of animal life than has occurred in all the previous years of man's history on Earth."

Another prominent scientist presently carrying out research on this problem in Canada, has already accumulated sufficient data to indicate that the decline in wild bird populations in agricultural districts is in direct proportion to the increase in the use of poisonous agricultural chemicals during the past 15 years.

Is this situation prevalent here in Alberta, as it is in Eastern Canada and the USA? It most certainly is.

One day last August this writer stopped beside the road in a North Central Alberta farming district, and for half an hour watched a farmer plowing; duing that time there was not one single bird of any species to be seen in that field. A closer inspection revealed the fact that the plow was turning up the normal amount of grubs and other insect larvae, there was also evidence of rodent pests. Discreet inquiries elicited the information that for several years the farmer had been spraying with certain pesticides and herbicides as a routine operation. The farmer still had his pests, but the wild birds which nature had designed to work day and night controlling those pests, had been ruthlessly exterminated because they did not appear to show an immediate return in dollars and cents.

How many other Alberta farmers think along these lines we do not know, but we do know that an increasingly large number of them are becoming sold on the idea of using pesticides and herbicides as a routine operation on their farms rather than as a measure to be resorted to only in an emergency.

It is understandable that the people manufacturing and selling these poisons paint a rosy picture with their advertising and sales talk, but it is not easy to understand why almost every week in our farming papers and other publications we read articles by Agriculturists, some of them Civil Servants, advocating routine spraying for the control of weeds and insect pests. Farming history has shown that cultivation and a planned rotation of crops, together with the preservation of wild life is the only long range policy that is effective in weed and pest control as well as inducing heavier crop yields.

Farmers are not fools or they could not stay in business, but it is obvious that a great many of them are not giving any thought as to what the ulimate result of routine spraying might be. ,

For instance the chemical designed to destroy an insect pest also destroys beneficial insects, some of which are vitally necessary for our existence. Most wild birds live almost entirely off insects and their larvae during the summer months, some of them consuming two and three times their own weight of insects each day. These birds, in gorging themselves on poisoned insects, are also poisoned, together with the scavengers that feed on the dead birds, and so a disasterous chain reaction is set in motion. Insects are tremendously prolific and re-establish themselves very quickly, the birds cannot do this. Thus with the destruction of the controlling factor designed by nature, the insidious build up of insect population goes unchecked, to explode again in plague proportions a very few years later.

There have already been cases in Alberta as well as other places across Canada, where run-off has carried the spray into drainage ditches, and so into steams and lakes, resulting, in some cases, in the total destruction of the fish in those waters. The destruction of a few fish may not seem important to a farmer, but it is not a happy thought that these polluted waters are also necessary for consumpion by humans and domestic animals.

The manufacturers of these poisonous compounds invariably claim that their product is "Selective", by which they mean that it will kill a mosquito or a wild oat without harming a cow, but not one of them can or will give any guarantee that it will not have a cumulative effect which may not become apparent for a number of years, by which time damage will have been done.

The danger of radioactive fallout from nuclear weapons is causing grave concern, which is some quarters is bordering on panic, yet this is something which may never happen. The insidious, but never the less systematic poisoning of our wildlife, and our own water and food is something which is happening right now, unchecked and on an ever increasing scale. ,

Some of our leading scientists are already giving serious thought to this matter. It is causing much concern to our Federal Department of Natural Resources, and was the subject of much discussion at the Resources for tomorrow conference held in Montreal last October, how long it will be before our Govenments decide to take positive action, we do not know, but it is a matter that so vitally affects our future welfare, that we must keep it consantly in front of our Legislators unil action is taken.

The thief knows very few honest men.

Whist News

CASLAN — The Home and School Association sponsored a whist drive and bingo at the Caslan school on the evening of March 2.

A lunch was served by the members between the bingo games and playing cards.

First prize winners at whist were: Katie Shelest and Walter Meyer; consolation prizes were given to Marjorie Cherniwchan and Nick Krawchuk.

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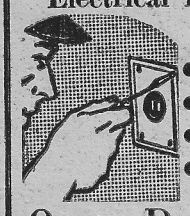
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Higher-Than-Average Heating Bills For Alberta Homeowners

It has been a long, cold winter, and most Alberta residents have higher-than-average heating bills to prove it. Northwestern Utilities, Limited, which supplies natural gas to 100,000 consumers in 76 Alberta communities, reports that as temperatures go down, high bill complaints go up.

What about the weather this past month or two? According to the meteorological office temperature figures for City of Edmonton, December was well below the long-time average temperature for the month with a nose-nipping 1.2° F. This compares with last year's balmy 19.4° average temperature, and the comparatively sub-tropical weather of 1959 when December temperatures averaged a sultry 26.3°. The long-time average for the month is 13.2° F.

The picture improved somewhat during January, if you can call an average temperature for the month of 11.4° an improvement. This was 5.4° above the long-time average but well below last year's 17° average January temperature.

January was notable for the fact that Northwestern recorded a new system demand of 318,899 MCF on the 16th of the month. The average temperature on this day was 16.8° below zero with a wind velosity of 5.4 MPH. Northwestern notes that it has taken three years to reach this new peak since the record for gas consumption set on January 2, 1959 when 28,030 MCF of gas was consumed—and this despite an increase of almost 18% in customers served by the company over this period.

In the "good old days" the cost of heating in the winter did not come as such a surprise for the householder had a pretty good idea from day to day how much fuel he was using as he had to showel every pound of it into the furnace! With the automatic furance of today there is little evidence during the month that the home heating system is working overtime to keep indoor temperatures normal when the mercury takes a nosedive.

CHECK THE FURNACE

The fact that many of DO forget about our heating system can present problems, says Northwestenr. How many times this winter have you, for example, checked the filters in your furnace? The gas company's service department has found cases where filters have never been touched in three or more years of operation—in fact, the furnace cover had never been removed in that length of time for any reason.

As it has been a long cold winter to date, and with the distinct possibility we still have some bone-chilling weather left before spring, the gas company suggests now is a good time to inspect your heating system. The furance filters should be removed and cleaned if they are the permanent type, or replaced if they are the disposable type. And while you're peeking at the inside of your forced air furnace (perhaps for the first time) why not check the motor? Manufacturer's instructions usually indicate periodic lubrication is required and this should be done as directed.

December and January were cold months—no doubt about it. And February with its 50 below readings will probably be recorded as another below-average month, so the gas company's information department expects a lot of customer inquiries. Some customers like to be on the company's Payment Equalization Plan which enables them to pay a little more during the summer months to level off the winter bills. This helps, but the biggest help is a properly insulated and ventilated house, and a well-cared-for heating system.

And, suggests the gas company, don't make the mistake which was revealed by a service call to one custombers home. The customer complained about not getting any heat from her furance. When asked over the phone if she had clean filters in her furnace, she advised the gas company she had put new filters in twice a year as recommended. On checking the serviceman found the filters alright—five of them, one on top of the other. So remember to throw out your old filter when you put in the new one. That will help!

When the first offspring of a hereditary ruler are twins, the firstborn generally is considered heir to the throne.

REPORT FROM OTTAWA

By Anthony J. Wright

Losing Voters By TV Attitude: After watching a CBC press conference program called Inquiry for a while the other night someone turned to me and said "I've never seen that man Walker before but I could not vote for the Conservatives after watching him". This person was referring to the manner in which the minister of Public Works refused to accept official figures on the increase in gross national product because they happened to come from the mouth of a reporter he thought was a Liberal.

Anthony Wright

It just shows the dangers of television. Through nervousness or exasperation the performer can appear to be overbearing and arrogant. Actually Mr. Walker was behaving in the way in which he behaves in the Commons or as he behaved during the gruelling, and grilling, Committee meetings on waste of money by the previous administraton on the new Public Printing and Stationery Building in Hull, P.Q.

The manner of a prosecuting or jury-addressing lawyer does not always come over well on the tiny screen. Nor do platform declamations or fireworks. You have to speak as though you are in the living room of the viewers—as indeed you are.

Budget and June: Even some of the journalistic experts are coming round to the belief that there will be a budget brought down this spring and the election may well be in June. Time will tell. Budget or no budget, Tory promises or no promises, I know that making up the annual income tax account is a shattering business and that every year, whatever one earns, one pays more taxes. I'll never believe another politician who claims his party will reduce government spending and taxes. Meanwhile the CBC wants only $85 millions to be going along with! At least we could scrap the Film Board and save their $5 millions!

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Dirty Weather Blowing Up: All the signs indicate dirty weather blowing up in the approaching campaign. Repartee in Parliament is starting to sink below the "childish" level already. Even Davie Fulton whom other Tories refer to as the "intellectual" of the cabinet cannot let pass a chance to slap at a Liberal provincial premier. He was angry the other day because Messrs Lesage and Gerin-Lajoie of the Quebec administration had told reporters of talks with Ottawa about amending the Criminal Code to allow lotteries.

It is true, apparently, that correspondence between Lesage and Fulton on lotery law changes had been marked "personal". However, if Mr. Lesage had been a Conservative I feel sure the Justice Minister would have kept his annoyance to himself. Instead said the indignant minister:-

"The manner in which Mr. Lesage made public the contents of personal correspondence amply shows the danger and difficulties encountered in answering such leters, even on a personal basis."

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Government Happy Over Wheat Payments: By means of an answer to a "planted" question, the prime minister last week told Parliament that the Chinese have paid off the wheat debts due to us in February.

For reasons best known to Ottawa, perhaps at Peking's request to prevent help to competitors in the wheat business, the government declined to say how much money was involved.

The "box score" on the wheat sales to China now goes like this: Agreement, expiring Dec. 1963, covers sales of wheat, barley or flour totalling $362 millions. Of this total $148 millions have been covered by three firm contracts already signed. We must sign firm contracts before we can be sure the Chinese will buy the remaining $214 millions worth mentioned in the agreement.

Terms were one quarter down, three quarters due after nine months at 5½ percent. Total credit extended $90 millions.

Caslan

Metro Cherniwchan, who is employed by an oil drilling company is home from Africa on a two-week holiday.

Harold Krawchuk of Edmonton spent the weekend visiting relatives in the district.

Gloria Henson has gone to Comox, B.C. to visit her brother-in-law and sister, L.A.C. and Mrs. Jim Peterson.

Doreen Cardinal and Glen Auger held the lucky tickets at the picture show last Wednesday evening.

Earl Gordon, formerly of the district, but now of Fort Smith, N.W.T. was a patient in the Lac la Biche hospital.

Bill Wolansky has been working on the NAR at Fedorah.

Gerard Tremblay, who is employed at Spurfield, spent the weekend here with his family.

The trio, Margaret, Arthur and Ronnie Henson, sang at the Search for Talent in Boyle last Saturday evening. They were accompanied on the guitar by Mildred Ladouceur, Maggie Cardinal and Norman Reed also rendered songs on the program.

DIDN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT

A ventriloquist was attending a Negro funeral unknown to the mourners. Afterward, one of them told another what had happened at the cemetery.

"You won't believe it, Mose," the narrator said, still wide-eyed, "but when dey begins to lowah Joe in his grave, he said, "Lemme down easy boys."

"And did dev finish burying him?"

"Man, A don't know. Ah didn't stay."

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St. Patrick Still Lives In Every Corner Of Ireland

CROAGHPATRICK, Ireland —Fifteen centuries have passed since an Englishman or maybe a Scot named Patrick waved his shamrock over Ireland.

Yet the good saint who died in 461 A.D., 1,500 years ago this March 17, is more alive today than many other famous historical figures who came after him.

To listen to the talk at any Irish crossroads and around the turf fire in any pub, you'd think it was only last week, or a month ago at best, that he came over the mountain in his chariot, hair shirt flapping in the breeze, to put the fear of God into the Druid high priests and convert this lovely jewel of an island to Christianity.

A reporter and photographer, following St. Patrick's route for more than 1,000 miles through Ireland, seldom suffered for lack of directions, despite the long lapse of centuries.

"It's St. Patrick you're after?" demanded a grizzled farmer, pausing with his donkey and a cartload of potatoes in the shadow of Slieve Gullion, a haunted mountain in County Armagh.

"By God, you've come to the right man. Patrick and his whole retinue came up that wee lane to the left there, just over yon hillock." An authoritative wave of his stick pointed out the very route, as if a good squint of the eyes would reveal a few stragglers in Patrick's party just emerging out of the mists of history.

How does he know it was that particular path and not the one on the right or maybe the left?

"Me great-grandmother told me. Sure it would take me two days and two nights to tell you all she told me about St. Patrick. His horse had dropped a shoe, but the blacksmith in town here was heading over the mountain to bury his daughter and didn't have time to do the job. Patrick blessed a new graveyard there and then for the smith and got him to shoe his horse. Go up to the field beyond there and you'll see the stone marking the little girl's grave."

What does it matter that St. Patrick was already 14 centuries dead when his great-grandmother was a girl?

Everywhere you go in Ireland, from Ulster to Munster, from Leinster to Connact, you hear of his exploits in the most extraordinary detail. Here he left a footprint. There he built a church. He baptized a king at this well. He knelt in prayer on that rock.

The years may have eroded the thin line between historical certainty and fireside legend, but the fact of his coming is indisputable.

From his "confession", now regarded as authentic by most scholars we know that he was born at Bannavem, which may have been at the estuary of the Severn River in England, or the estuary of the Clyde in Scotland.

The heavens were "spilling rain", in the words of a local constable, as we drove down the lovely valley of the Boyne to the hill of Slane, overlooking Tara, the scene of St. Patrick's greatest triumph. Summoned by High King Leoghaire, the kings of Ireland had gathered at Tara to cope with Patrick's assault on the pagan beliefs of the Druid priests.

Protocol decreed that no fire should be lit until the lamps went on in the great hall of kings at Tara. Patrick defied the Druid law on Easter eve, 433, by lighting a huge bonfire on the opposite hill of Slane. The king dispatched a dozen charioteers to extinguish the alien blaze, but the oxen ran wild and the flames would not die. Conceding defeat, Leoghaire gave Patrick permission to preach the gospel throughout Ireland.

For the next 20 years, Patrick wandered about Ireland, preaching the gospel, baptizing the faithful at wells once worshipped by the Druids, praying and fasting on lonely mountain tops and on remote islands.

In the centuries after Patrick, Irish monks trained by him and his followers, "walked the world for God", founding universities from Gaul to Kiev, bringing the light of the fire lit on Slane into the chaos left by the collapse of the Roman Empire and the barbarian invasions.

Coal Stripper Undergoes Test At Lake Wabamun

A giant 1700 ton walking dragline is presently undergoing field trials at Calgary Power's Wabamun Plant, This electrically operated dragline will be used to strip the overburden from the coal seams at the coal field adjacent to the company's thermal power plant.

The dragline was ordered from Ransoms-Rapier Ltd., of Ipswich, England, and prior to shipment was completely erected and then dismantled in the shops of the manufacturer. All the component parts were then shipped through the Panama Canal to Vancouver and thence by rail to Wabamun. To facilitate field erection, the heaviest single piece of material shipped was limited to 30 tons. Two large cranes, now dwarfed by the completed dragline, were used for unloading and erection during last summer and fall.

The dragline, with its 33 cubic yard bucket is capable of stripping 9,000,000 cubic yards of overburden annually on a three shift operation, thereby uncovering some 2½ million tons of coal.

Initially the coal handling equipment will operate at a rate of 800,000 tons of coal a year, largely on a one-shift operation. By 1967, with the addition of a fourth unit at Wabamun, coal consumption at the plant is expected to reach 2,500,000 tons a year —equal to the present total coal consumption in the province of Alberta.

An elderly and somewhat innocent couple were vacationing aboard one of the big luxury liners. The wife, who took a lively interest in fellow passengers, remarked to her husband:

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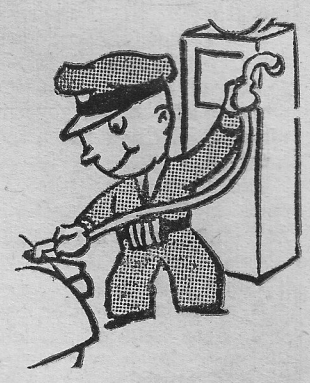

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